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SUBJECT: LIBYA SEEKS TO PURCHASE 130,000 KALASHNIKOVs FOR UNKNOWN END-USERS

CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, Embassy Tripoli, Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (C) UK Embassy PolOff told P/E Chief on August 10 that HMG's Embassy in Tripoli had recently received a request from the Foreign and Commor
  2. (C) He said the UK had received no answer as to whether the weapons would be used to equip Libyan military units, and in any event was skep
  3. (SBU) In a similar case reported in open source media in April, Italian police arrested a number of Italian arms traffickers in February 20
  4. (C) Comment: The fact that York Guns and GOL officials have been vague about the intended end-use of the 130,000 Kalashnikov rifles raises STEVENS
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